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[11.](#) (U) In January, U.S. Embassy Bogota identified three discrete goals which, with diligence, we sought to complete within the subsequent 90 days. The following is an update as of March 31.

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[12.](#) (SBU) NAS goal (abbreviated): We will develop an effective manual eradication option against coca and poppy cultivation, capitalizing on our extensive support to the Mobile Rural police (Caribineros).

[13.](#) (SBU) Update: This 90-day goal was met. NAS provided eight motorized brush cutters to Grupo Cabal Mechanizado (Mechanized Cavalry Group) in Ipiales (Narino Department) for use in opium poppy eradication operations. Jurisdiction of this group includes areas of significant opium poppy cultivation in the southeast sector of the department. In the first 90 days of CY 2004 the unit eradicated 182 hectares of opium poppy, compared to 152 hectares in CY 2003.

USAID

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[14.](#) (SBU) USAID goal (abbreviated): USAID will provide expert assistance to help the GOC design a comprehensive Demobilization and Reintegration (DR) program for illegal armed groups that enter into a peace agreement with the government.

[15.](#) (SBU) Update: This 90-day goal was met. Assistance provided through USAID permitted the GOC to design a comprehensive DR program for illegal armed groups and, in particular, members of paramilitary organizations such as the AUC (United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia). The final GOC DR roadmap will be forwarded to Washington for interagency use. Development of this program also helped the GOC improve its own interagency coordination, prepare for the initiation of the Organization of American States verification mission, and position itself to gain wider international support for the DR process.

RSO

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[16.](#) (SBU) RSO goal (abbreviated): RSO will oversee the creation of a new, permanent anti-kidnapping training (AKI) facility at the police training base at Sibate (Cundinamarca Department).

[17.](#) (SBU) Update: This 90 day goal was completed. The new anti-kidnapping training facility began operations at the CNP police training base in Sibate on January 26. The first CNP GAULA unit graduated on March 5. Development of the AKI school included construction of classrooms, dormitories, and a storage area for weapons, ammunition, and other sensitive equipment. Construction of a state of the art shoot house and long arm firing range was also completed.

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